

Franz Liszt

(frahnts list)

1811 – 1886



- Liszt was born in Raiding, Hungary. His father, a multi-instrumentalist, taught him to play piano.
- By 6, he was recognized as a child prodigy; by 8, he was composing basic pieces; and by 9, he was performing as a concert pianist in public concerts.
- His playing impressed wealthy audience members so much that they paid for his musical education for the next six years.
- Liszt moved to Paris in 1823, giving concerts along the way.
- His Paris debut was sensational. More concerts followed and he toured England the following year.
- He earned his living mainly as a piano teacher in his teenage and early adult years.
- Liszt performed all over Europe and people loved him. His reputation increased in part because he gave away many of his concert proceeds to charities and humanitarian causes.
- For the rest of his life he went through periods of performing to composing to teaching and then back to performing. At 54, he received the four minor orders in the Catholic Church.
- Liszt composed 77 orchestral works, 16 pieces for piano and orchestra, 73 organ pieces, 49 chamber pieces, 1,400+ piano works, 2 operas, 240 choral works and 186 vocal pieces.



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